

CHAPTER NO. 385

SENATE BILL NO. 1751

By Curtis S. Person, Jr.

Substituted for: House Bill No. 228

By Overbey, Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, relative to certificates of need for nursing home beds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-11-16__.

(a) A replacement facility application is any application that proposes to replace one or more currently licensed nursing homes with one single licensed nursing home.

(b) Any application or portion of a replacement facility application that does not increase the number of licensed beds over the number of beds in the existing facility or facilities being replaced shall be reviewed by the department and considered by the agency pursuant to the criteria in § 68-11-1609(b), and shall not be considered new nursing home beds. In reviewing the application, the agency shall give preference to projects that propose replacement facilities because of building or life safety standard issues. The criteria of §§ 68-11-1621 and 68-11-1622 shall not apply to such replacement facility applications.

(c) If a replacement facility application seeks to increase the number of licensed beds over the number of beds in the existing facility or facilities being replaced, that portion of the application that increases the number of beds must comply with the provisions of § 68-11-1622, and shall be considered new nursing home beds. The remaining part of the application relative to the replacement of the facility or facilities shall be reviewed by the department and considered under the criteria set out in section (b) above. In reviewing such an application, the agency shall give preference to projects that propose replacement facilities because of building or life safety standard issues.

(d) Other than as provided in this subsection, the relocation of licensed nursing home beds to another facility or site is prohibited.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect a certificate of need project filed prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 24, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR